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### **DETAILED ACTION**

The following action is in response to the Reply Brief filed for application 10/807,030 on July 12, 2007.

#### ***Reply Brief***

The Reply Brief filed on July 12, 2007 has been considered and entered.

With regard to the arguments, the broad limitation of “bridging” has been interpreted as “to span, cross over, etc..” In this particular case, when the designated “reset” operation is considered “shifting into neutral,” the act of shifting into a gear (as opposed to staying in neutral) is “bridging.”

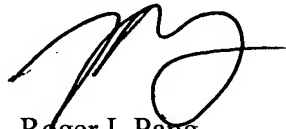
Applicant also argues that the limitation of a “reset operation” has a clear meaning. The interpretation of “reset” has already been explained in the Examiner’s Answer. And, again, if applicant’s interpretation of the “clear meaning” of “reset” was not established anywhere in the claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roger L. Pang whose telephone number is 571-272-7096. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Charles Marmor can be reached on 571-272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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